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BUS SHELTER REVIVAL

Restore dilapidated bus stops first, citizens say



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Catch-22: Get rebate, and rest all is just fine



Authenticity of up-to-date pollution under control certificates obtained from third party emission testing centres questionable, experts say

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15,597 vehicles booked for flouting pollution norms between April 2022 and November 2022

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According to official data, the Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) in Bengaluru, on average, are booking around 15,000 vehicles annually for flouting air pollution norms.

While 16,890 vehicles were booked by all the 11 RTOs combined between April 2020 and March 2021, as many as 15,831 vehicles were booked in 2021-22 and 15,597 vehicles were booked between April 2022 and November 2022.

All put together, around Rs 3.4 crore was collected in penalties over three years. As of December 2022, RTOs have 1,07,64,633 vehicles registered with them.

Experts said while the numbers indicate that only about 2% of the total vehicles in the city are being booked for not having updated Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificates by the RTOs, the authenticity of up-to-date PUCs obtained from emission testing centres by third parties are questionable.



In a circular issued by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) in 2020, a valid PUC was made mandatory for the insurance renewal of all vehicles.

"PUC certificates in the city are being issued by emission testing centres that are established by third parties. We have constantly been requesting the authorities to scrutinise the process that the centres are using to provide the certificates. For

instance, the instruments that they use to check the health of a vehicle must be calibrated at regular intervals. Moreover, the instrument has to be put at the mouth of the tailpipe to get the correct readings. The transport department must scrutinise these aspects," said Dr Pratima Singh, research scientist, Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP).

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The transport department must conduct an audit of the centres and the process they follow to award PUC certificates to vehicles

— Dr Pratima Singh, research scientist, CSTEP

How to solve this infra puzzle?



'New grade separator shifts problem to a different location without fixing actual issue'

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The recent addition of another grade separator at HAL Old Airport Road Junction has done little benefit to the traffic congestion and bottlenecks, citizens and commuters complained.

On Thursday, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurated another underpass valued at Rs 19 crore at the intersection of HAL Old Airport Road and Suranjandas Road. However, after the underpass was opened for traffic, commuters pointed out that there was little change in the movement of traffic.

"The grade separator has been set up but they are still unable to solve the traffic problem in the area. If you see, it is just shifting the bottleneck to another location or junctions without solving the issue... There has to be regulation of traffic at both Manipal and ISRO Junctions which is not happening properly... Now after the inauguration of the underpass

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3 THINGS TO DO



01 Ireland edu fair

'Education in Ireland', the Irish government's national brand promoting Irish Higher Education Institutions has announced its education roadshow. The fair will offer an overview of the opportunities Ireland has to offer to Indian students looking forward to studying abroad. Keeping the same in mind, 16 top Irish Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) will be visiting India to highlight the ample opportunities Ireland has to offer. **Where:** Taj Vivanta, MG Road
When: February 12, 12 pm onwards

02 The artsy route



Shankaraa Foundation presents 'Soma - Festival for the Arts'. This is a three-day cultural festival that celebrates traditional art and crafts, the festival is a celebration of arts and crafts, featuring 6 large scale productions in theatre, dance, and

music, along with 100+ traditional craft stalls. The event also includes workshops, seminars, and demonstrations, and will feature performances by renowned artists such as Rukmini Vijayakumar, Vasu Dixit, Manasi Prasad, and Dr Suma Sudhindra among others.
Where: Shankaraa Foundation, Kanakapura Road
When: February 10 - 12

Hello, Malaysia

Tourism Malaysia has collaborated with Jagadish Tours to put up a special mural display campaign featuring Miss Shopia Go Travel.

The campaign aims to promote Malaysia Packages through mural display advertisement. The main objective is to create awareness about Malaysia and evoke an interest among public to ensure Malaysia remains on top of the minds among Indians. At present, Malaysia has recently launched a new eVISA Multiple Entry Visa (MEV) facilities consists of fly & cruise, wedding, medical treatment and business purposes for Indian tourists that comes with a six-month validity, a 30-day length of stay (LOS) and costs only INR 1,000.00. The visa can be applied online through <https://malaysiavisa.imi.gov.my/evisa/evisa.jsp>.



'Want weekends off to battle burnout'

say State Government employees who are willing to work an extra hour every day

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The Karnataka State Government employees have proposed a five-day work week where they are willing to work an additional hour everyday but require offs on Saturdays and Sundays.

Karnataka State Government Employees Association president CS Shadakshari said, "We want a five-day week as it will not only improve operational efficiency but will also result in savings. We have proposed to the Karnataka Seventh pay commission headed by former Chief Secretary Sudhakar Rao that we are willing to work in office from 9.30 am (instead of the current 10 am) and finish our shift at 6 pm (instead of 5.30 pm).

As of now, we have weekly offs on second and fourth Saturdays. So, we are proposing to have weekly offs on first and third Saturdays which would mean that it will be mostly a five-day week. Currently, many Central Government offices have been working on a five-day week basis and it has proved to be a success."

According to him, a five-day week is very much essential. He said that the State Government employees are currently under severe stress due to a lot of vacant jobs.

The work pressure is such



that one employee is supposed to do the work of two other employees. So, if an employee gets two-day off in a week, s/he can be more energetic and efficiency will surely go up. Meanwhile, the state government will also save in terms of electricity and water bills. As most of the employees come by own vehicles, there will be savings in terms of fuel as well, he said.

Meanwhile, the association has urged the commission to consider offering sops to women employees by permitting women

employees to breastfeed their infants twice a day.

Shadakshari explained that currently, women get only six months of maternity leave and hence, many employees leave their babies at home and work in offices. So, we want to provide an option to women to take a break for breastfeeding twice a day. However, this rule could be applied for only those who stay nearby offices.

Another area of concern for them was the safe return to homes. "As many employ-

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— CS Shadakshari, President, Karnataka State Government Employees Association

ees leave the office late due to work pressure, we want women employees to be provided with a night drop facility if they are forced to stay in the office for extra work. We also want the government to provide maternity leave for employees who opt for surrogacy," he said.

The association has also proposed tweaks in voluntary retirement policy. It wants the modification from the current VRS limit of minimum 15 years of service or 50 years of age to 12 years of service or 45 years. Currently, there are 5.2 lakh government employees serving in various departments. The association says that there are a whopping 2,50,363 vacant posts in various departments.

The employees have also proposed that the current Leave Travel Concession (LTC) for two years should be extended once in four years. It has also proposed a special hill allowance for those employees who work in forests or hill tops. It has also demanded doubling of the vehicle, uniform and other special allowances as well.

Aero India's here, plan your route, folks

Bengaluru Traffic Police issues traffic advisory ahead of upcoming Aero India event

With the much-awaited Aero India set to begin from Monday, there will be a surge in Bengaluru's traffic.

If you are planning to reach the airport, then plan well in advance as the Bengaluru Traffic police have issued a new traffic advisory. As per the plan, those travelling from East Bengaluru towards the airport have to take KR Puram-Hennur Cross-Bagalur-Mylanahalli-Beguru back gate to reach KIAL. For those coming from West and South Bengaluru, it will be a bit of circuitous route as they have to travel via Goraguntepalya-BEL Circle-Gangamma Circle-Mother Dairy-Unnikrishnan Junction-Doddaballapur Road-Rajankunte-Addiganahalli-MVIT-Vidyanagar Cross and reach KIAL.

Lorry, truck, private buses and all types of heavy and medium goods vehicles and tractor movement will be prohibited on Bengaluru-Airport Road from Mekhri Circle to MVIT Gate and MVIT Gate to Mekhri Circle (both sides of each road). However, there are no restrictions for BMTC and KSRTC buses travelling from Devanahalli side towards Mekhri Circle.

Police have also banned parking of all types of vehicles on both side of the road from Nagenahalli gate to the Ambiance Dhaba cross connecting to Bengaluru to Airport road; Mekhri circle to Devanahalli, Goraguntepalya to Hennur junction, Reva college junction to Bagalur Cross and Nagavara Junction to Bagalur Junction via Thanisan-



dra main road. Meanwhile, for those private vehicles heading to Aero India show without passes have to park their vehicles either

in GVKV campus parking lot or Jakkur and avail BMTC bus facility to reach the place of event.

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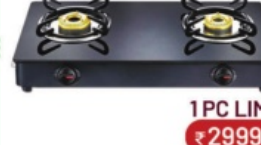
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Several bus stands on BBMP's revamp radar

But city dwellers want Palike to focus on the dilapidated bus stops first

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At least 68 bus shelters across Bengaluru will soon be refurbished by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). According to the civic body, the step has been taken to declutter existing footpaths and improve walkability.

The tender for the project was floated over a month ago and the BBMP is in the process of issuing work orders to two contractors.

"BBMP has decided to revamp 68 bus shelters. Work will begin within two weeks from now and all shelters will be refurbished within two months. We will be making the shelters pedestrian and commuter friendly," said a BBMP official.

Bus shelters within the Central Business District area will be taken up in the first phase of the project. They will be retiled, secured with bollards, and will have dedicated bus lane markings for buses to stop.

"There are many bus shelters across the city that are in dilapidated conditions. They will be revamped. We have also noticed that two-wheelers enter BMTC bus stops, causing a lot of inconvenience to the people waiting. Bollards will be placed in front of the stops to prevent them from entering the space. The flooring will be redone using skid-proof material," said the official.

BMTC buses often stop in the middle of the road for passengers to board and deboard. This, according to the officials, has to stop as it causes inconvenience to other motorists.



People caught in rain in the absence of a shelter at a bus stop near Nayandahalli (File photo); Commuters complain there are many bus stands in the city without shelters and just a board to indicate that it is one

After revamping existing bus stations, the civic body will also create new bus shelters on city outskirts.

"At least four new bus stations will be created in areas such as Anekal and Nelamangala. The list by BMTC is exhaustive and we are in the process of streamlining it. We will filter out the list of the bus stands within the BBMP limit to be revamped and publish it shortly. The location of four new bus stands will also be decided in due course of time as the list also includes areas that are outside BBMP limits," informed the official.

According to BMTC commuters and public transport proponents, while refurbishing the existing bus

“There are many bus shelters in the city that are in dilapidated conditions. They will be revamped. We have also noticed two-wheelers entering bus stops” – BBMP official

stops is a welcome move, BBMP must look at other important aspects first.

"There are hundreds of bus stops in the city with no shelter. A lone board or a few people waiting for the buses is the only way to understand there is a bus stop. The Palike should

talk to the commuters and try to understand their problems before going ahead with a project in this manner. For instance, commuters waiting at the Mission Road bus stop have their view of approaching buses completely blocked by a pillar," said Vinay Sreenivasa, a member of Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike.

Commuters say that the agency should look at installing information boards and electronic display boards instead of restoring the floor.

"The BBMP can also look at adding small kiosks for street vendors. This will not only create employment but will also ensure security for commuters during the night hours," said a commuter.

Rajakaluve's 'reign of terror' in Hoodi

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Residents of Hoodi in Kadugodi are upset over the slow pace of work on the rajakaluve work in their area. They fear that if there is heavy rainfall anytime soon, the entire place will get flooded as a result of the incomplete work.

They have been complaining that the workers only did the job for two days over the last week. Manoj Kumar, a resident of the area, said, "The work has been going on at an excruciatingly slow pace. They plan to widen the rajakaluve to prevent it from overflowing during rains. However, the pace of the work is making it all pointless. In the last week, there were only two days of work. At this rate, the work will take months to complete."

Locals also mentioned that a

temporary line had been made for the flow of sewage, but because of the delay in work, that line had also been blocked for a few days. It was cleaned only recently. Rohit Gowda, another resident, told Bangalore Mirror, "They cleaned the temporary line for sewage just two days ago. Before that, it was overflowing. However, they have still not increased the pace at which they are working on the rajakaluve."

Shruthi Nair, also a resident, told BM that the problem of water overflowing in the area during rains is quite common and that is the reason why the work for widening the rajakaluve started in the first place. However, there is no point in the work being done if it is not being completed on time, she said, adding that the next time it rains, there will be water everywhere in the area again and all the residents will suffer.

"The authorities should make



The rajakaluve in Kadugodi has also led to road digging work that is troubling residents in the area

“They have still not increased the pace at which they are working” – Rohit Gowda, resident

sure that they are finishing the work as soon as possible so that the residents do not have to face any more inconveniences," she added.

Some of the residents also mentioned that they are finding it difficult to use the road due to the prolonged work.

Ashish K, one such affected resident, said, "For making the temporary sewage line, a part of the road was dug up. They are taking up so much time to finish the work for the rajakaluve. We cannot even imagine the amount of time they will take to close the dug up road. This is extremely inconvenient for us."

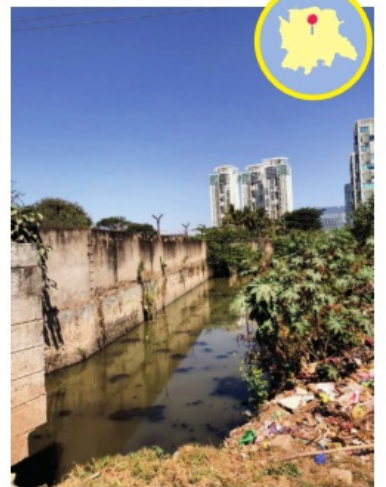
A BBMP official said that they are trying to finish the work as soon as possible.

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Drain drone

DadaMastan Layout



BBMP has failed to silt stormwater drains near Manpho convention centre, DadaMastan Layout, Nagavara.

Unhygienic

HAL 2nd stage



Cars have been left abandoned for over a year on 13th Main, HAL 2nd stage. They are collecting garbage and attracting mosquitoes.

Eyewash

Gangondanahalli



In order to clean the roads for a minister's visit, BBMP workers have dumped garbage in front of Gangondanahalli main road.



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Organic matters

It is in the electorate's interest and duty to ensure their representatives are allowed to flag issues in the parliament and do not have to plead (especially women members) with the speaker/chair for their right to speak freely without being harassed to submission.

So, how organic is our sociopolitical discourse? Does it disseminate facts and reflect on factual events or is it celebrating blatant lies? After all, words such as 'organic', 'sustainable', 'ethical', 'responsibly sourced', 'woke' and so forth are presented at opportune occasions now.

'Organic' and derivative phrases are employed to sell the upwardly mobile the hope of a long life as bare necessities and everyday essentials such as vegetables/grocery are marketed at unaffordable prices: 'heirloom produce', you see.

No doubt then, earnest commitment towards an organic sociopolitical discourse too shall be second nature as it relates to the matters of the mind of individuals and the collective. Oddly that's not the case.

All too eager AI chatbots are standing by to slap fake stories at decisive moments, paid for and propagated by the same actors who are now paying trolls/social tech to further misinformation.

But no, organic discourse is not a rarity, unless humans consciously interfere and bury them. For instance, some days ago, in a surprising Twitter poll hosted by a private user that asked followers to choose the most favoured prime ministerial candidate for 2024, Rahul Gandhi emerged as the choicest with over 50% votes.

That the person who set up this poll is a fierce supporter of the ruling dispensation apart, he quickly pulled the plug on the survey, as the Congress leader left behind prime minister Narendra Modi, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and others. The poll was perhaps an organic instance, an honest 'slip' nevertheless.

Just like brute force, blatant lies overwhelm humans. In the ensuing absurdity of inorganic trends propagated on social platforms to scuttle truth just like opposition MPs are diabolically heckled in the parliament, active politics and role of the opposition are ridiculed and derided in the world's largest democracy now unable to behave or appear as one.

Parliament is not a television debate where base rhetoric is engaged to play to the galleries. Here is where elected representatives air grievances of their constituents before the lawmakers. News headlines will have you believe otherwise — using words such as 'showdown' and such.

Members of the opposition, Rahul Gandhi of the Congress or Mahua Moitra of the Trinamool Congress, are active elected representatives of this country's youthful demographics as they raise ques-



tions about critical issues in the parliament. Ridiculing, deriding and dismissing constituents' earnest questions put forward by the young MPs are in effect brushing aside the anxieties of the nation regarding the recent developments around a businessman's losses after allegations of fraud surfaced. Opposition MPs raised in the parliament the collective's worries about the fallout of the aforesaid development on the public exchequer, investors, public sector undertakings SBI, LIC and alleged links of the individual concerned with the prime minister. Not answering a single query posed by the opposition in this regard while not entertaining the demand for a joint parliamentary committee or judicial probe is indeed a grave concern.

Elsewhere, on Wednesdays, the UK parliament holds the prime minister's questions where the incumbent takes direct queries from MPs.

In fact, with all the uncertainties posed by post pandemic variables, rising inflation, joblessness and the climate crisis, it is that crucial juncture for politicians to course-correct from treachery, divisiveness, whataboutery and perhaps usher in a new era in politicking and face real issues head on as Derek O'Brien of the TMC was seen referring to the mainstream media in the parliament quoting a Zulu proverb: 'a dog with a bone in its mouth cannot bark', or Samajwadi Party's Jaya Bachchan was drawing attention to the atrocities women face in the country.

Catapulting from the Bharat Jodo Yatra to the parliament, Rahul Gandhi too is signalling a new kind of political rhetoric — call it woke or loathe it in free will. Nevertheless, it appears not to be elections-oriented but a long-drawn ideological challenge to the elections-driven incumbents, and a continuation of the Yatra in the parliament as Gandhi put questions to the prime minister about the Adani-Hindenburg fiasco. Opposition MPs are proving false the peddled trope that they are weak, divided and unimportant.

The string of events of the last few days within and outside the parliament contrasts what we are told and the real intent of our lawmakers: the doublespeak has been a constant for too long. The leader of the opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge was heckled during his speech as absurd demands of 'authentication' and such were made with subsequent expunging of certain parts of MPs' speeches.

The question is, how long can we afford this inorganic discourse?

Catch-22: Get rebate, and rest all is just fine

Many opting to pay up during discount period, as waiting to challenge 'wrongly imposed' penalties would prove to be gamble

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As commuters rush to pay off pending fines during the rebate period, vehicle owners are in a dilemma. Wrongly penalised commuters have to pay the fine or contest it outside the rebate period due to an alleged lack of coordination between departments.

For the past seven days, commuters have been rushing to pay off their pending fines -- a 50 per cent rebate was offered to commuters from February 3 to February 11. The exercise was aimed at clearing long pending fines.

As per available data, Bangalore Traffic Police (BTP) has disposed of over 31 lakh cases and recovered more than Rs 85 crore in fines.

However, while the move has created a tempo among the public about paying fines, commuters who feel they have been wrongly penalised are in a fix. To clear the fine within the rebate period, they need to pay the fine before February 11, but if they want to contest the fine, they would not be able to access the rebate on penalties. Some commuters are paying the fine without contesting it as they want to avail of the rebate.

Archana Ramachandran, a resident of Indiranagar, is among the many who paid off their dues without contesting them. She was penalised for wrongful parking while BBMP was undertaking white-topping work.

"For the last five-six months, white-topping is ongoing on 100 feet road and the pavements and roads were dug up. Initially, we were told that it would only take 15 days and were asked by BBMP officials to leave the vehicle outside. But work is not completed even after 5-6 months and there is no way to bring the car inside. I had left the car near



File photo of a traffic policeman busy at work

my house gate and was fined Rs 4,000 in November-December for wrongful parking," said Ramachandran.

She added that both government agencies are aware of the delays in the work but still have resorted to penalties. "Citizens have to bear the brunt of delay in the work," she added.

Residents question the parking arrangement in a commercial area like 100 feet road without adequate parking infrastructure and despite Palike's permission, penalties are being imposed.

"When I contested the fine, they asked me to pay the fine within the rebate period or fight it in court. To avoid the hassle, I paid the fine on Thursday. I was not even convinced that I might win the case and it might have dragged on for a long time. Besides, in future, I will be asked to pay all the fines when I am stopped," she added.

Another resident of Hebbal claimed that a fine has been imposed in an area with 'No Parking' signage. "Many people who visit the Mahabodhi Temple, park their vehicles in front of the temple on Kalidasa Road in Gandhinagar. There is no 'No

“When I contested the fine, they asked me to pay the fine within the rebate period or fight it in court

—A commuter who paid the fine

Parking' sign board placed but fines have been imposed on multiple vehicles. We request to waive off the fine and not to put unnecessary fines," said Sudha Deepak of Maha Bodhi Society. In a letter addressed to the Special Commissioner of Traffic, she further alleged that traffic vehicles are often parked on the same route due to protest events at Freedom Park. It should be noted that the parking facility built at Freedom Park is not yet opened.

However, traffic officials said there would be no extension in the rebate period. "They can contest the fine but if they want to avail of the rebate, they would have to pay the fine within the period. There are no plans of extending the period and to provide special provision for those contesting within the period," said Dr M A Saleem, Special Commissioner, BTP.

2% vehicles booked for pollution

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Experts also explained if the majority of the vehicles have valid PUC certificates from emission centres, ideally there should not be tailpipe emission, which is not the case.

"There are many vehicles running on the road with PUC certificates but can be seen emitting black smoke. The transport department must conduct an audit of the centres and the process they follow to award PUC certificates to vehicles. We need to understand how many such centres are functioning and how many of them are registered.



Even the BMTC buses plying on city's roads, that undergo fitness tests regularly, are spewing smoke," added Dr Singh.

The penalty amount charged for not having a valid PUC certificate was hiked post the amendment of the Motor Vehicle Act. Experts said the transport

department should not rely completely on PUC certificates from emission centres and must conduct random checks of vehicles in the city.

"Vehicles should be checked randomly to ensure that the PUC certificates they carry are not fake and are obtained from legal emission testing centres. The major problem with vehicular emission is the maintenance of the vehicle which is directly related to these certificates and checks. If a vehicle is not maintained, it will likely give more emissions than a maintained one. Random checking of vehicles should increase," said a city based environment researcher.



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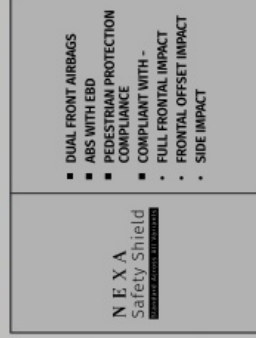
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Cabinet has given its nod for the Bengaluru Metro 3rd stage work and micro-and macro-level development works are being done.

The CM said, "Bengaluru is growing and over 5,000 new

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As per the Friday's Knight Frank's latest report Asia-Pacific Residential Review Index for H2 2022, Bengaluru has found place in the top five best performing Asia-Pacific residential markets in terms of annual price growth in H2 2022. According to the review index, Mumbai and Bengaluru shared the fourth position on the Asia-Pacific Residential Review Index as both registered a price

growth of 7 per cent year on year (YOY) in H2 2022.

At a time when the Reserve Bank of India has hiked policy rates by 25 bps in February 2023, prices in the residential markets of Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi are expected to grow moderately in the next 12 months.

Bengaluru's residential prices are expected to grow in the range of 3 to 5

per cent.

Shishir Bajjal (Chairman and Managing Director), Knight Frank India said, "Despite the further 25 bps hike by RBI in February 2023, India's inherent economic strength and healthy affordability levels will be the prime factors that will support the residential market in the next 12 months."

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Big boost for Hesaraghatta & Nelamangala roads

The dream of having a suburban transport system is inching closer as K-RIDE has invited bids for the fourth corridor which will connect Rajanakunte to Heelalige. Once the fourth corridor is completed, one could take a train from Chikkabanavara to either head towards Whitefield or Electronics City. Hesaraghatta and Nelamangala roads -- two corridors which already have a well-connected metro network -- will get an added push once the suburban rail network is built.

For buying property, buyers look at major infrastructure projects and Tumakuru road boasts of all the major infrastructure projects. There is buzzing real estate activities on Nelamangala and Tumakuru road now. Due to most of the future projects being linked to this area, the demand is increasing on this road.

The real estate potential is increasing from Nelamangala to Tumakuru and beyond. Currently, Tumakuru is developing as a Smart City and Vasanthanasapura is developing as an industrial city. This will create more employment



Nelamangala Road is one of the prime choices for investing in property

opportunities and result in an increase in residential and rental buildings. Vasanthanasapura is developing at a fast pace which includes a huge industrial hub. Recently, Minister Muruges Nirani has said that an international airport will be built near Tumakuru. There is already a sanctioned suburban train, all these making investments in Nelamangala road an attractive investment.

Hesaraghatta Road also boasts of being well-connected to the metro network. Thanks to the metro connectivity with

Majestic and different parts of the city, residents staying in and around Hesaraghatta Road can easily hop on to the metro to beat the traffic. Interestingly, Hesaraghatta road residents will soon get another mass transport to beat traffic. The suburban railway network that connects Chikkabanavara to Baiyappanahalli has been given a green signal. Sources said that South Western Railways have signed the dotted line with KRIDE for transferring 150 acres of land.

The suburban train corridors are spread from Kengeri to

Whitefield, KSR Bengaluru railway station to Devanahalli (via Yeswanthpur),

Chikkabanavara to Baiyappanahalli and Heelalige to Rajanakunte. There will be a total of 57 stations. The trains will have air-conditioned coaches. There will be many junctions where the suburban trains will have common/adjacent stations with railways and metro. In fact, there will be 23 stations that will have connections with suburban trains and railways, five stations which will connect one suburban corridor to another and 11 metro stations will have connections with suburban trains.

The proposed elevated corridor will be at height of about 15 m due to the existence of a large number of feet over/

under bridges. There is a railway station at Nelamangala where trains from Hassan go towards Bengaluru City. As areas like Railway Gollahalli are nearer to Chikkabanavara, one can easily hop on to suburban trains in the future and head to different parts of the city without getting stuck in city traffic.

Under the project, a total rail route of 148.17 kms will be constructed in four suburban rail corridors; 41.4 km of Bengaluru-Devanahalli; 25.01 km of Baiyappanahalli-Chikkabanavara; 35.52 km of Kengeri - Bengaluru Cantonment and 46.24 km of Heelalige-Rajanukunte sectors.

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Heavy smoke: Breathless scenes in Junnasandra

Trash burning causes severe discomfort to residents of area; they demand strict action against unhealthy 'arson'

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The residents of Junnasandra ward in Bellandur have complained about garbage being burnt in large amounts. They say that this is causing difficulty in breathing among the residents, especially aged people.

A few days ago they witnessed a huge dump of garbage being burnt. The fumes caused discomfort to a lot of them. "It was quite a big heap of garbage being burnt because the fire was quite big. There was a lot of smoke from the fire and it caused a lot of inconvenience to us. I have a dust allergy and because of the fumes I could not stop sneezing. The effect stayed for almost 2-3 days," said Ashok Kumar, a resident of the area.

Other residents added that kids and senior citizens were the most affected by it. Soundarya Gowda, another resident, told Bangalore Mirror that her grandmother is quite old and she was severely affected by this.

"Because of the thick smoke, my grandmother started wheezing and coughing. It was very difficult for her to become fine again.



Residents witnessed a huge dump of garbage being burnt. This kind of incident keeps happening often in the area

There should be strict and immediate action taken to prevent these incidents from happening again," she said.

The residents also pointed out that these instances have taken place before as well. According to another resident, this is not the first time it is happening.

"There should be strict rules made against such people who burn garbage in the open areas. Otherwise they will not learn anything," they said.

"The smoke can cause health hazards for a lot of people and even cause breathlessness. Moreover, by burning the garbage one is not only hampering the health of the residents but also adding unhealthy things to the environment," said

Aravind K, another resident.

The residents want a permanent solution to stop these incidents from happening again. They also mentioned that despite complaining to the authorities no action has been taken yet.

"It is very important that some kind of action is taken to stop these kinds of actions permanently. There must be guards appointed so that they can keep a check on people who burn their garbage in open areas. Because of such activities, we cannot even keep the windows open," said Naveen Patil, another resident.

Meanwhile, a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official told BM that they will try to take necessary actions soon.

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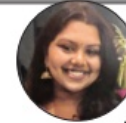
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How does the citizen ensure the city is growing in a planned manner?



Deepika Banerjee, BM Reader

The best way to contribute towards the growth of our city and the country as a whole, is to ensure that all of us vote. It is the most powerful weapon that we have as citizens. As mindful citizens, we need to encourage others too.



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As citizens we need to take care of the environment and not shift the blame onto the authorities. We should opt for carpools and public transportation, instead of personal vehicles. It's both economical and reduces pollution.



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We should showcase eager participation towards blood donation drives and health camps, for our benefit as well as that of everyone around us.



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We should not litter or damage public property; it is a representation of the city and its people. A lot of foreigners visit Bangalore; we should ensure that they take back with them a good image of the city and our country as a whole.



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We should ensure that all minor children around us receive at least a secondary level of education. Children are the future of our economy; we need to adequately equip them to contribute towards positive future growth.



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We should be mindful of the environment and move towards sustainable growth. All of us should raise our voice against illegal cutting down of trees and destruction of the environment, in the name of modern infrastructure. This would ensure a viable future for our upcoming generations.

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Grade separator conundrum

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two-wheelers are driving on the foot-path making it dangerous for pedestrians' safety," Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation told Bangalore Mirror.

However, since the underpass is brand new, the traffic police will be visiting the spot and charting strategies to solve the bottleneck issue in the coming days.

"Every grade separator, flyover, sky-walk or one-way system has so far only shifted the problem to a different location without fixing the actual issue. The city needs better

traffic management and enhanced use of public transport; that is the only way to solve the bottlenecks in Bengaluru. It is the same story at every junction where a flyover or an underpass has been constructed in the past few years. Despite there being almost no benefits, the government is still putting funds into the construction of more grade separators instead of looking into some real solutions," said Bhavanesh Raj, another road user.

In the past, mobility and traffic experts have stressed multiple times that grade separators do not solve the bottlenecks in Bengaluru. A study by

the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) was done in Delhi to analyse the impact of new infrastructure projects, revealing that grade separators are not the best solution for traffic management in cities like Delhi and Bengaluru.

The road users also complained that the construction of the underpass has led to the cutting of a number of fully grown trees but has yielded no results.

"This is terrible planning from the authorities' side. They should turn to scientific expertise before constructing another flyover in the city," Bhavanesh added.

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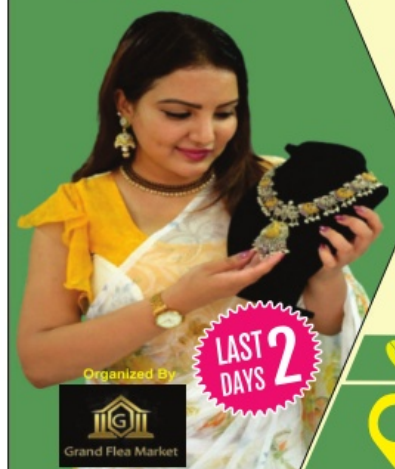
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ChatGPT has taken the world by storm. Within two months of its release it reached 100 million active users, making it the fastest-growing consumer application ever launched. Users are attracted to the tool's advanced capabilities – and concerned by its potential to cause disruption in various sectors.

A much less discussed implication is the privacy risks ChatGPT poses to each and every one of us. Just yesterday, Google unveiled its own conversational AI called Bard, and others will surely follow. Technology companies working on AI have well and truly entered an arms race.

The problem is it is fueled by our personal data.

300 billion words. How many are yours?

ChatGPT is underpinned by a large language model that requires massive amounts of data to function and improve. The more data the model is trained on, the better it gets at detecting patterns, anticipating what will come next and generating plausible text.

OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT, fed the tool some 300 billion words systematically scraped from the internet: books, articles, websites and posts – including personal information obtained without consent.

If you've ever written a blog post or product review, or commented on an article online, there's a good chance this information was consumed by ChatGPT.

So why is that an issue?

The data collection used to train ChatGPT is problematic for several reasons.

First, none of us were asked whether OpenAI could use our data. This is a clear violation of privacy, especially when data are sensitive and can be used to identify us, our family members, or our location.

Even when data are publicly available their use can breach what we call textual integrity. This is a fundamental principle in legal discussions of privacy. It requires that individuals' information is not revealed outside of the context in which it was originally produced.

Also, OpenAI offers no procedures for individuals to check whether the company stores their personal information, or to request it be deleted.

ChatGPT is useful, but..

..if you've ever posted online, you ought to be concerned



This "right to be forgotten" is particularly important in cases where the information is inaccurate or misleading, which seems to be a regular occurrence with ChatGPT.

Moreover, the scraped data ChatGPT was trained on can be proprietary or copyrighted. For instance, when I prompted it, the tool produced the first few paragraphs of Peter Carey's novel "True History of the Kelly Gang" – a copyrighted text.

Finally, OpenAI did not pay for the data it scraped from the internet. The individuals, website owners and companies that produced it were not compensated. This is

particularly noteworthy considering OpenAI was recently valued at US\$29 billion, more than double its value in 2021.

OpenAI has also just announced ChatGPT Plus, a paid subscription plan that will offer customers ongoing access to the tool, faster response times and priority access to new features. This plan will contribute to expected revenue of \$1 billion by 2024.

None of this would have been possible without data – our data

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– collected and used without our permission.

A flimsy privacy policy

Another privacy risk involves the data provided to ChatGPT in the form of user prompts. When we ask the tool to answer questions or perform tasks, we may inadvertently hand over sensitive information and put it in the public domain.

For instance, an attorney may prompt the tool to review a draft divorce agreement, or a programmer may ask it to check a piece of code. The agreement and code, in addition to the outputted essays, are now part of ChatGPT's database. This means they can be used to further train the tool, and be included in responses to other people's prompts.

Beyond this, OpenAI gathers a broad scope of other user information. According to the company's privacy policy, it collects users' IP address, browser type and settings, and data on users' interactions with the site – including the type of content users engage with, features they use and actions they take.

It also collects information about users' browsing activities over time and across websites. Alarmingly, OpenAI states it may share users' personal information with unspecified third parties, without informing them, to meet their business objectives.

Time to rein it in?

Some experts believe ChatGPT is a tipping point for AI – a realisation of technological development that can revolutionise the way we work, learn, write and even think.

Its potential benefits notwithstanding, we must remember OpenAI is a private, for-profit company whose interests and commercial imperatives do not necessarily align with greater societal needs.

The privacy risks that come attached to ChatGPT should sound a warning. And as consumers of a growing number of AI technologies, we should be extremely careful about what information we share with such tools.

—By Uri Gal, Professor in Business Information Systems, University of Sydney (The Conversation)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a divorced, 45-year-old woman with one child from my marriage. I've been single for quite a long time and I suppose I gradually got used to the idea that I simply wouldn't meet anyone else. However, I've reconnected with an old flame on Instagram.

He was more than an old flame really, I absolutely adored this guy.

We dated in our early 20s, but I broke it off for reasons that I think are stupid now. Basically, he was a bit of a surf bum and although he was sweet and gorgeous, he wasn't ambitious like I was. Well, I met my ex-husband, who was driven at work, but also a selfish prat.

I've often thought about this guy from my past and I think he was the one and I let him go. Now he is doing really well for himself.

He says he never married, but has a younger on/off girlfriend. Should I tell him that I still think of him romantically or would that be mad?

COLEEN SAYS

I worry you might be romanticising the whole thing. This sounds like a rom-com waiting to happen. I hate to burst the bubble, but focusing on this guy could prevent you from being open to meeting someone else closer to home.

It's good that he went off to find himself and make a good life, and it sounds as if you were perhaps the kick up the bum he needed.

However, is it this new, improved version of him that's so attractive? Is that the only reason you're suddenly yearning for him? And, the truth is, even if he'd done all these things when you were together, it doesn't mean your relationship would have worked out.

You haven't seen each other in a long time so I'd keep it to a friendship for now, not least because he does have a girlfriend, even if it's an on/off one.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

MIRRORLIGHTS

Single dose of azithromycin could go long way

Scientists have provided evidence that a single oral dose of azithromycin, a common antibiotic, reduced the risk of maternal sepsis or death by 33 per cent in women who delivered vaginally, according to a new study.

Maternal infection also increases the risk of neonatal sepsis, which accounts for 16 per cent of newborn deaths, the study said.

Maternal infections and sepsis, which is a serious complica-

tion of infections, are among the top five causes of maternal mortality worldwide, the study said.

Ten percent of maternal deaths are caused by infections that occur shortly before, during or after delivery, the study said.

According to the study, the results from the Azithromycin Prevention in Labor Use Study, or A-PLUS, trial led by investigators at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), US, enhanced

information from previous UAB-led trials, which showed azithromycin administered before cesarean delivery reduced maternal infections.

The results are published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

While findings showed azithromycin reduced the risk of maternal sepsis or death, the intervention did not reduce the risk of sepsis or death in newborns, the study said. However, there were no adverse newborn effects, the study said.

—PTI



60% of a number is 24 less than 3/4th of that number. Find the number.

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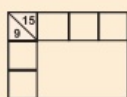
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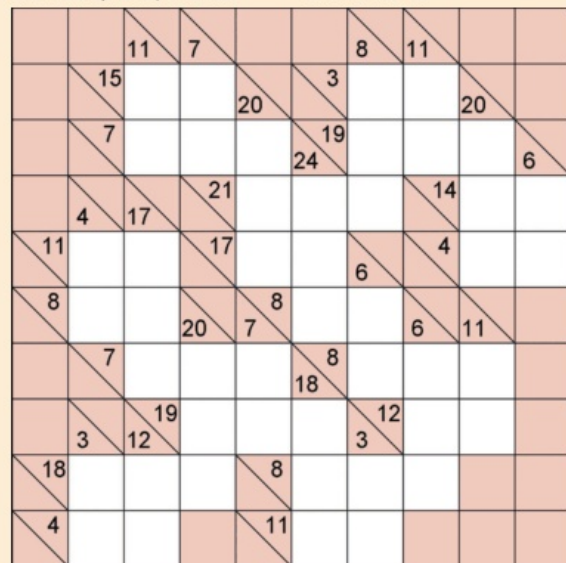
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

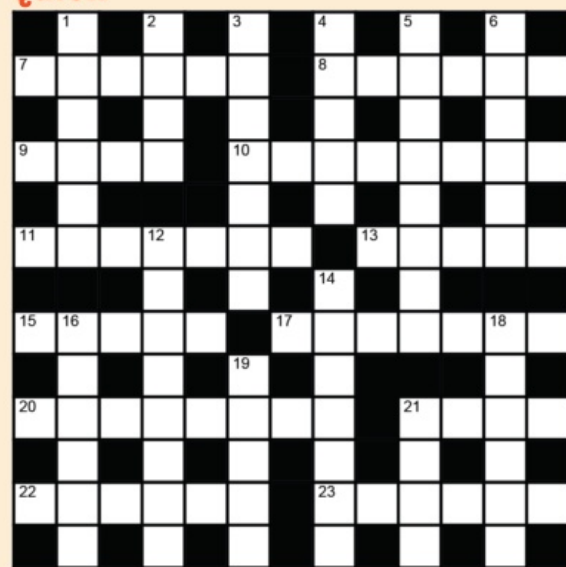


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 Jolly (6)
- 8 We sit on them (6)
- 9 Prophetic sign (4)
- 10 City in Saurashtra (8)
- 11 _____ for : not requested or invited, in a way? (7)
- 13 Unions, ties or accords (5)
- 15 2022 FIFA World Cup host (5)
- 17 Belgrade native (7)
- 20 Lasts longer or persists after (8)
- 21 Tress of hair (4)
- 22 Uses foul language (6)
- 23 Type of herbal tea (6)

DOWN

- 1 With no exception? (2,1,3)
- 2 Legal right (4)
- 3 He fixes pipes and taps (7)
- 4 Antarctic explorer (5)
- 5 Underground cemetery (8)
- 6 Foundation or premise? (6)
- 12 Perfectly consistent and coherent (8)
- 14 Online location (7)
- 16 Tourist destination where R K Narayanan's Malgudi Days was filmed (6)
- 18 Inflection in speech (6)
- 19 Call at sea to stop (5)
- 21 Young female (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: W EQUALS Y
DZVN WDO'TN JDUH WDOL
SLCTGVW, WDO LNGJCFN
WDO'TN JDUH GZ NQHLXNJW
TGJOGPN HECZM.



Linemaro

I want to change only one thing about you, your last name



Mindchow

What was your face before your mother and father were born?



Joke of the day

A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing, yet it lives for 450 years. And you tell me to exercise? I don't think so

Loop

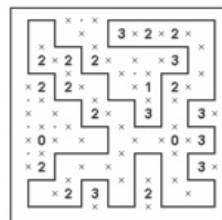
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

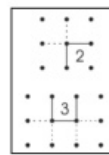
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

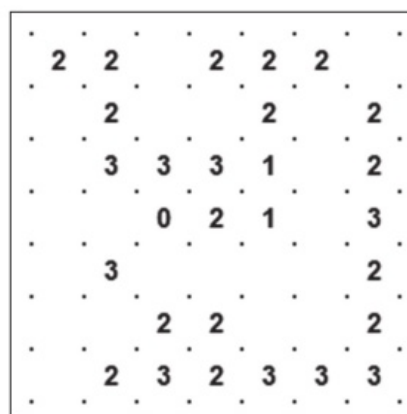
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



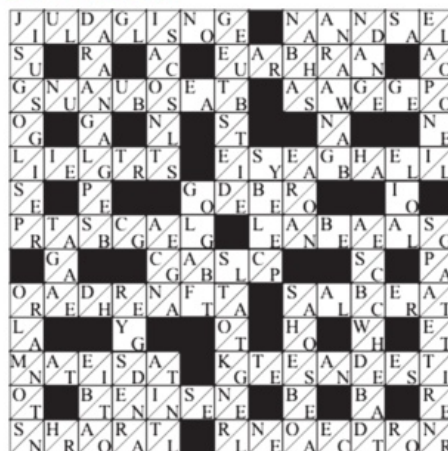
(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



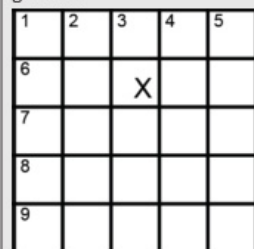
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

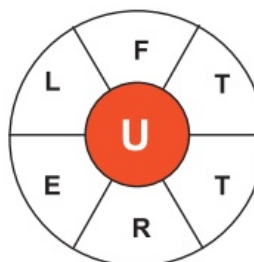
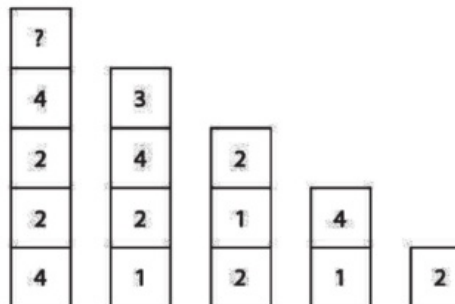
- 1 Toles; 6 Not ox;
- 7 Bob at; 8 One so;
- 9 Or Wed

DOWN

- 1 St Dan; 2 Boo at;
- 3 Wo box; 4 Oleos;
- 5 Treen

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; 11 Good; 13 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

4 4 5 8 = 11

Medium

2 3 7 8 = 6

Hard

1 3 9 2 = 21

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Bottom of shirt is different. 3. Front tire is not showing. 4. Bush is different. 5. Tree has fewer leaves. 6. Cap is reversed.

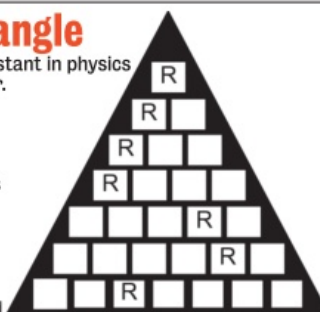
Riddler

What is the next number in the sequence?
100 365 24 60 ?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Universal gas constant in physics
- 2 Rugby Union, abbr.
- 3 Groove
- 4 Decisive defeat
- 5 Excursions
- 6 Instructors
- 7 Freshwater fishes

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



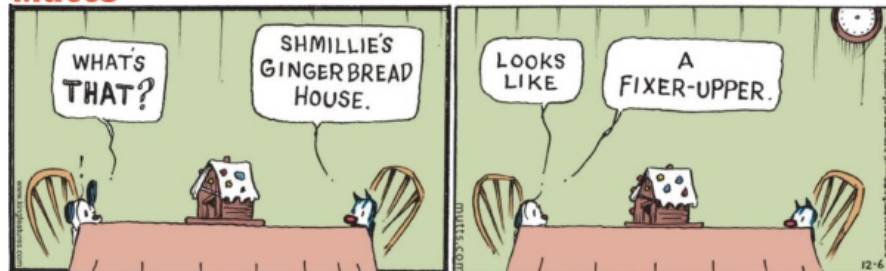
Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today support from your elders will give you confidence. You shall follow your intuition before taking any initiatives, which will help you on the work front. Your intuition will help you gain more in terms of finances. You may plan to visit a spiritual place with your family members. You must control your arrogance in order to enjoy your domestic life.



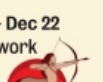
Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, until late afternoon, your day is not good. You may feel unhappy and become nervous. But after noon, you will be happy. Your internal vitality will boost your self-confidence and you should avoid carelessness in making decisions in terms of finances, profession, and studies. Sometimes, you may face self-respect issues with your spouse. You need to keep patience to avoid converting happy moments into bad ones. Lovebirds will plan short trips.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today your plans will not work on the professional front, which will make you arrogant. You should try to avoid taking important decisions in terms of investments and relationships. Couples and lovebirds should avoid arguments to maintain harmony in their relationships. Students should not choose shortcuts in their studies.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today before noon, you may feel happy and will enjoy your work, but afternoon onwards, negative feelings will make you dull. This will affect your professional life. You may also expect some domestic argument. You must avoid lending money to anyone as it may not be recoverable easily. You will analyse yourself and figure out your negativities. Occult sciences will attract you today.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today your tendency to overspend will affect your savings. You should be careful while expressing yourself on the work and domestic front. Avoid lending money. You should postpone making important decisions in real estate and other assets. You should try to avoid a tendency of elevation from your responsibilities.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today the moon will make you more sensitive and emotional. You should avoid investing in real estate or assets. You should take care of your parent's health. You may expect some delay in your work as well, but you shall face it with patience. On the professional front, you should not be indecisive.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today you are blessed by the moon. You will be in a very good mood since morning. You will be more romantic and that will fill your domestic life with harmony. Your patience will help you to do your best professionally. You will see some coordination between your colleagues and business partners.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today a social get-together will re-establish your network, which will give you benefits in the near future. Those in jobs related to glamour, art, fashion will plan to do something new. Students will perform better today in terms of their academics. Lovebirds will enjoy happy moments.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you will be glad. You will be able to maintain a balance between your earnings and expenditure, which will boost your finances. Your network will help you to implement your plans. Your siblings and subordinate staff will be more helpful today. You may plan to visit your elders today.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

You will be successful in controlling your worthless expenditures, which will boost your bank balance. You should be careful about your kids' health. Singles can see unexpected progress in terms of marriage. Those in jobs related to travel, diplomats, supply chain workers will do better. You should be careful about stomach issues.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today will be a busy day for you in terms of work. Overload can make you tired, but you will enjoy your work. Your day will be good. You will not spend money on worthless stuff. You will be more polite with your family, friends, and loved ones. You may also get some good news from family members.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today your energy levels will be high. That will make you happy and optimistic. You will be eager to fulfil your desires with the help of hard work. You will plan outings with friends and family to share your happiness. Students will hear good news in terms of academics.



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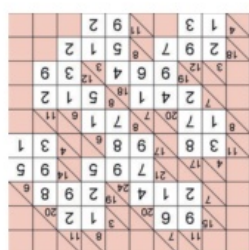
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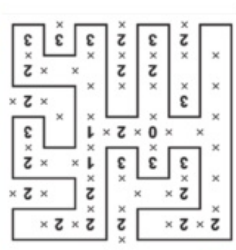
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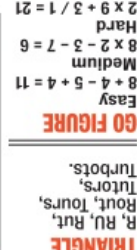
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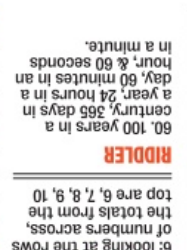
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ALPHA



SUDOKU



MENSA PUZZLE



QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS' EYE

Making adjustments

Hondisi Bareyiri is a film about adjustments one has to make to lead a beautiful and peaceful life. The film begins at a college campus where some seniors are ragging juniors. Ranjith (Naveen Shankar) resists the seniors and encourages Jagan (Praveen Tej) to contest in the students' union election and ensures his success. At this juncture, the director introduces a parallel story of Kumi (Shri Mahadev) and Saniha (Aishani Shetty). Kumi wants to have a relationship with Saniha, but she keeps him at arm's length. Jagan and Bhanu (Archana Kottige) fall in love and Ranjith's girlfriend ends life by suicide due to financial problems. What happens to them after they complete graduation and how they lead life is what the story is all about.

The USP of this movie is that all the actors have faithfully followed the script. Though it is difficult to say who is the best among the actors, Naveen Shankar walks away with all honours for his sterling performance. He, as an angry young man, an introvert, as an affectionate



HONDISI BAREYIRI

3.5

RATING



- **DIRECTOR** Ramenahalli Jagannatha
- **ACTORS** Shri Mahadev, Aishani Shetty, Archana Jois, Praveen Tej, Naveen Shankar, Bhavana Rao
- **Duration** 139 minutes
- **Certification** U/A

lover, has acted well. The characters of Aishani and Shri Mahadev represent the current generation, especially couples who fall in love and also quarrel at the drop of a hat. Samyukta Hornad and Bhavana Rao have done a good job in their brief appearances. Archana Jois, known for playing Rocky's mother in KGF, plays the widow of a soldier in this movie.

Music by Joy Costa is good. Songs are melodious – especially the song Nee Irada Naale Bekilla Nanage, sung by Keerthan Holla and Aishwarya Rangarajan.

Director Ramenahalli Jagannatha, who graduated from lyricist to script writer and director, deserves a pat on the back for this movie that connects with all age groups. Jagannatha has ensured all ingredients such as love, romance, sacrifice, and a subtle message to parents and students. Hondisi Bareyiri is a must watch for family audiences. —Y Maheswara Reddy

Doting husband



Sidharth Malhotra may have struggled to hide his romance with Kiara Advani, but after their wedding on February 7, the hunk has no qualms about hiding it any more.

Playing the doting husband, the hunk took to his social media handles to change his display picture to his wedding photo with his wife.

The picture sees him and Kiara joining hands and bowing

to each other.

Fans took note of the cute dedication of love and went gaga about it on social media.

The change in the actor's DP comes shortly after he surprised fans by sharing his wedding video online.

The newly wedded couple took to their handles to give fans glimpses of their dreamy wedding that looked like something straight out of a fairytale.

—ETimes

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